Security arrangements in the country

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is facing grave internal security threats;

(b) whether Government have taken a final stock of its efforts to restructure the security arrangements in the country in the wake of attack on Indian Parliament on December 13, 2001;

(c) if so, the results thereof;

(d) whether in Government's perception, there is a definite improvement in the security environment in the country and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) Major concerns of the current internal security scenario in the country centre around cross-border terrorism in J and K, subversive activities of militant groups (some of whom have trans-border bases) in the North-East and the violence perpetrated by the left wing extremist groups in some States.

(b) to (c) After the attack on Parliament House, all State Governments/ UT Administrations were advised to review and strengthen security in respect of all possible terrorist targets including seats of Government and vital installations and to constitute Quick Reaction Teams to ensure effective response. State Governments were also requested to strengthen arrangements for collection and sharing of intelligence. The Central Government from time to time sensitises the State Governments with regard to internal security scenario prevailing in the country. The Central Government also provides assistance to the States by way of deployment of Central Para-military Forces, intelligence sharing and financial support to modernise the State police forces. In addition, 32 organisations have been notified as Terrorist Organisations under the POTA (Prevention of Terrorist Act), 2002.